



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: P. ERDMANN *et al.*

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on February 7, 2003, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks for entry into the file of this application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a petition for extension of time for three months to and including August 7, 2002.

No fees are believed due for the claim amendments made herein. Should any fees be required, however, please charge them to Winston & Strawn Deposit Account No. 501-814.